

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 90, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 90.0085 to read as follows:

*Sec. 90.0085. CAMPING AND BUILDING FIRES PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN AREAS. (a) This section applies to a section of the Blanco River that is not located in a county adjacent to a county with a municipality with a population greater than 1.5 million.*

*(b) Notwithstanding Section 90.008(a), a person may not camp or build a fire in a dry riverbed.*

SECTION 2. Section 90.011(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

*(a) A person commits an offense if the person violates Section 90.002, [or] 90.008, or 90.0085.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2015: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

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## USE AND ALLOCATION OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES

### CHAPTER 665

H.B. No. 3629

#### AN ACT

**relating to use and allocation of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenues for certain municipalities.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 351.101, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

*(i) In addition to the purposes provided by Subsection (a), a municipality that has a population of at least 75,000 but not more than 95,000 and that is located in a county that has a population of more than 160,000 but less than 200,000 may use revenue from the municipal hotel tax to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry by constructing, operating, or expanding a sporting related facility or sports field owned by the municipality, if the majority of the events at the facility or field are directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists who substantially increase economic activity at hotels in the municipality.*

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 351, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 351.1078 to read as follows:

*Sec. 351.1078. ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (a) A municipality that spends municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue as authorized by Section 351.101(i):*

*(1) may not use municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for the acquisition of land for the sporting related facility or sports field described by that subsection;*

*(2) shall annually determine and prepare and publish on the municipality's Internet website a report on the events held at the facility or field, the number of hotel room nights attributable to events held at the facility or field, and the amount of hotel revenue and municipal tax revenue attributable to the sports events and tournaments held*

at the facility or field for five years after the date the construction expenditures are completed; and

(3) may only spend hotel occupancy tax revenue for operational expenses of the facility or field if the costs are directly related to a sporting event in which the majority of participants are tourists who substantially increase economic activity at hotels in or near the municipality.

(b) The municipality shall reimburse to the municipality's hotel occupancy tax revenue fund from the municipality's general fund any expenditure in excess of the amount of area hotel revenue attributable to sporting events held at the sporting related facility or sports field described by Section 351.101(i) for five years after the date the construction or expansion of the facility or field described by that subsection is completed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 30, 2015: Yeas 135, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting;  
passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

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**USE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE TO  
CONSTRUCT, ENHANCE, UPGRADE, AND MAINTAIN  
ARENAS, SPORTS FACILITIES, AND FIELDS IN CERTAIN  
MUNICIPALITIES**

**CHAPTER 666**

H.B. No. 3772

**AN ACT**

**relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to construct, enhance, upgrade, and maintain arenas, sports facilities, and fields in certain municipalities.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 351.101(a), Tax Code, as amended by Chapters 541 (S.B. 551) and 546 (S.B. 585), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(a) Revenue from the municipal hotel occupancy tax may be used only to promote tourism and the convention and hotel industry, and that use is limited to the following:

(1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation, and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both;

(2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants;

(3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to attract tourists and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity;

(4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms;

(5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and